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FYI USG has no hard evidence GOG refused Soviet requests for landing permission on flights to Havana during Cuban crisis. However, shortly after outbreak of crisis, high Guinean official ~~stated~~ stated GOG had no intention granting Soviets transit or overflight rights for Cuba or South America and indicated formal note to Soviets this effect being drafted, basing refusal primarily on technical grounds such as lack of fuel and meteorological equipment. GOG did permit several Soviet flights to Brazil in connection with picking up body Soviet ~~ambassador~~ Ambassador. At least one Soviet IL-18 destined Havana got as far as Rabat but had to turn back apparently because onward rights to Cuba not received from countries en route. Transit stop for one TU-114 during crisis, and possibly others requested from Senegal, ~~xx~~ presumably when GOG refused requests or made it clear requests would not be approved. Senegal govt reported that fact GOG had instituted total prohibition Soviet flights to Cuba had been important element in Senegal determination Should be take similar action. ~~also~~ noted that after about Oct 24 GOG had sufficient jet fuel to refuel Bloc flights to Cuba if it so desired. This info should not be given GOL. Embassy Conakry may wish supplement above End FYI

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